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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS

1. EMBOFF TALKED WITH STAFF OF TASK FORCE ON DETAINEES OF AMRSP JANUARY 31. FOLLOWING IS UPDATE ON VARIOUS DETAINEES AND DISAPPEARANCE CASES OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT:

A. SYLVIA SALES (MANILA 793). ACCORDING TO TASK FORCE PUBLICATION "POLITICAL DETAINEES UPDATE" OF JANUARY 24, SYLVIA SALES, ALONG WITH RAMON ISBERTO AND WIFE ESTER CENIZA, WERE PUT IN "BARTOLINA" SECTION OF BICUTAN ABOUT NOVEMBER 13. ISBERTO AND CENIZA WERE ALLOWED TO BE VISITED BY FAMILY MEMBERS AT CHRISTMAS TIME. "IT WAS REPORTED, HOWEVER, THAT SYLVIA SALES WAS TAKEN FROM THE BARTOLINA ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 23, 1977, AND HER WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. HER FAMILY HAS STILL NOT BEEN DULY NOTIFIED OF HER ARREST AND WHEREABOUTS NOR HAVE THEY BEEN ABLE TO VISIT HER."

B. HORACIO MORALES CASE (MANILA 1196). IN ADDITION TO FIVE PERSONS REPORTED IN MANILA PRESS OF JANUARY 20 AS ARRESTED IN MORALES CASE, "UPDATE" OF JANUARY 19 LISTS NAME OF MANNY CERES AS ARRESTED JANUARY 12 AND BEING HELD AT CAMP VICENTE LIM IN LAGUNA PROVINCE. IDA ICHOCO, LISTED IN REFTEL  
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AS MISSING, IS NOW REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN EARLY JANUARY AND RELEASED. NAME OF NENA FLORINA Y JOAQUIN, AS CARRIED IN NEWSPAPERS, SHOULD BE CHANGED TO FLORINA ("NENA") LANSANG. LANSANG IS REPORTEDLY HELD AT CANLUBANG PRISON IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, SEPARATE FROM THE OTHERS ARRESTED IN MORALES CASE. (FYI: LANSANG'S MOTHER IS HEAD OF SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT AT UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES. ONE BROTHER

WAS REPORTEDLY FOUND IN SHALLOW GRAVE IN QUEZON PROVINCE IN MARCH 1976.) TASK FORCE BELIEVES MILITARY HAS ARRESTED VIRTUALLY ALL DAP STAFF WHO WERE ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED FOR THEIR JOBS BY MORALES.

C. VICTOR REYES. DND HANDOUT GIVEN TO VISITING CODELS AND OTHERS IN EARLY JANUARY DISCUSSES DISAPPEARANCE CASE OF LABOR LAWYER HERMON LAGMAN AND FRIEND VICTOR REYES. HANDOUT SAYS REYES "IS VERY MUCH ALIVE" AND LIVING AT A QUEZON CITY ADDRESS. (SAME INFO GIVEN TO AMBASSADOR BY PRESIDENT MARCOS--SEE MANILA 898.) EMBOFF CONTACTED REYES' WIFE, WHO WORKS PART-TIME FOR TASK FORCE, TO VERIFY THIS REPORT. UNFORTUNATELY, REPORT IS REGARDING VICTOR FERNANDEZ REYES, ARRESTED ON NARCOTICS CHARGES IN 1973 AND 74, AND NOT VICTOR DANDAN REYES WHO WAS WITH LAGMAN. GOP HAS ALWAYS DENIED ARRESTING VICTOR DANDAN REYES. MRS. REYES BELIEVES MISTAKE WAS AN HONEST ERROR ON PART OF HANDOUT AUTHORS.

2. TASK FORCE STAFF CONTINUES TO LIST 500-600 POLITICAL PRISONERS -- "THAT WE KNOW OF." NEWLY-RECEIVED TASK FORCE "UPDATES" BEING POUCHED TO EA/PHL.  
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